Something About the Man Who is the Champion of the London Workmen.

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Resolute Man of Thirty, a Vigorous and Fearless Speaker and the Idol of

John Burns, who was at the head of the im-

nense army of strikers in London, is a party in London. For ten years he has been at injury to the system. stump orator of the pavement and the park. He has organized processions and narched at their head, waving the red flag in defiance of police regulations. He has contrived to get himself arrested several times for preaching the doctrine of dynamite and for creating disturbances, and has been in prison for inciting riot and public plunder. Now, since he has been elected to the county council, and has hobnobbed with its titled members, he has tempered his fireeating tendencies with discretion. He volunteers his services in every strike, but hitherto he has had only a few hundred strikers and a fluctuating following of tramps to control. Now he is disposed to keep his men orderly, peaceful, but resolute, and his influence over them is enormous, but should a crisis arrive and the famishing army break loose, Burns would not shrink

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army break loose, Burns would not shrink at anything, and is the very man to imagine himself a Robespierre.

Burns is a burly, square-faced muscular fellow of thirty, though he looks more, and was born in Battersea, London. He is about middle height, has coal-black hair, moustache and beard, keen black eyes, high cheek bones and an intelligent forehead. He looks what he is—a man of stern and resolute stuff. He is strong in will and physique, and has practiced pugilism. He resolute stuff. He is strong in will and physique, and has practiced pugilism. He has a voice of enormous power, and standing on the plinth of the Nelson column can make it ring throughout Trafalgar square. He is a vigorous and a fearless speaker, and long practice has taught him how to win the sympathy of ignorant masses of workingmen. Little public notice was taken of Burns until 1885. Before that he addressed meetings all over the metropolis every Sunday. He planted himself on a stool at street corners and mounted a seat on Clapham common or in Hyde park and posed as the Messiah of the coming revolution. All the organized trades expressed contempt for him, and he was active in sowing discontent and causing dissension within their ranks. In 1885 Burns appeared as a socialist candidate for the representation of West Nottingham. He had only £2 towards his election expenses. Amongst those who sent him contributions was Mr. Andrew Carnegie, of Pittsburg. He (Burns) was too advanced for the workers of Nottingham, and only polled 600 votes.

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His next great exploit was when he caused the West End riots in February, 1886. There was a meeting in Trafalgar square—which was then the most famous rendez-vous of tramps, costors and the men who are always waiting for something to turn up—and Burns was among the speakers. He made a speech of the fire and brimstone order, and drew several significant comparison between the poverty and empty stom-sch of his hearers and the richness of the ison between the poverty and empty stomach of his hearers and the richness of the West End and the bread in the baker's stores. The hungry men not only took the hint, but also the bread. They rushed along Pall Mall, Haymarket, smashing the windows, stealing bread and jewelry. The terrified inhabitants thought they were the vanguard of an anarchist invasion. The London police, as usual, came in at the end after \$50,000 worth of property had been destroyed or stolen. Burns and three others were prosecuted, but the jury disagreed and they were let off. Some months after this Burns was arrested for offering to send Balfour, chief secretary of Ireland, to heaven by dynamite, but the police failed to get sufficient evidence against him.

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when the conflict between the police and the radicals and socialists for the possession of Trafalgar square took place on Sunday, November 13, 1887, Burns led the attack and received a sound drubbing from the police. He received three months imprisonment for "unlawful assembly." He has since been in trouble with the police. In December of last year he was elected for the London county council, as the member for Battersea, by a large majority. He has the London county council, as the member for Battersea, by a large majority. He has now become the parliamentary candidate for this district, and, as the electorate is the same, it follows that he will be elected. Burns has done useful work in the council. Before he was elected he worked in Hoe's London engineering factory for thirty thillings a week. He now devotes himself almost propagating socialism. He is paid by the workmen of his ward. He has a magnetic influence on the workingmen, and though a dangerous leader, is at present using caution and is conscious of the responsibilities of his position. Burns is married and lives at Battersea—at Wickersley road, No. 56, to be exact—and occupies two rooms on the first floor of a neat brick house. His room is well furnished and he has a large collection of books, mainly about socialism and French revolution. For a workman his intelligence is far above the average, though his views are extreme. He is a leading member of the Social Democratic federation, is a free-thinker, a tectotaler and everything else that is regarded extreme or advanced.

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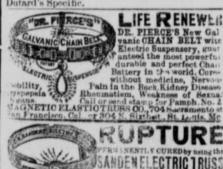
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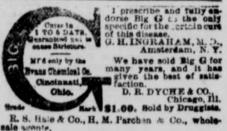
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